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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with this application.

Copies of the documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

An English Abstract of Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 11-139229 is attached. Further, JP 11-139229 is discussed on page 1 of the specification.

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In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, EP 0 952 459; DE 101 35 742; and DE 100 24 227; an English language version of an International search report and a Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority in a corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

English Abstracts of the remaining non-English documents are enclosed.

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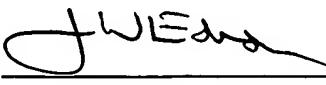
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Respectfully submitted,

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